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### Letter to Sophia Chase

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At Mr Evans.

K. Ch. 240131

Alles tree, near Derby

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 1824

My dear Wife.

So unexpectedly did the Coach leave Manchester that on going to Town from Platt Hall I was obliged to come off without time to send back for my trunk (It will follow me & be at the Coach-house in Derby this night.) — Benjamin Chase at whose lodging I took a hasty dinner lent me a shirt & dressing box and I came off in haste.

The night was dark but a kind Providence brought us to Derby (6<sup>th</sup>) and I went to bed about two o'clock —

This morning after having breakfasted at the Inn I set off to walk to this place. It is situated from the tower about 2½ or 3 miles. The mansion house commands a view, now before my eyes the most pleasant & perfect of any <sup>I have seen</sup> in England. Though it is the dead of winter yet the sun is shining on green fields as if in April. On the left, in a distant plain, is seen a Hamlet with its decent spire and still beyond it, hills and houses in irregular grades rising, till they are lost in the smoky horizon. On the right a decent and <sup>in extent</sup> as equal distance, both about <sup>one mile</sup> exhibiting fields divided by hedges & woodlands, <sup>intermixed with</sup> is presented to the gazing eye. The house is after the English fashion grand, yet more remarkable for its comfort.

Mr Evans had just gone to <sup>the village</sup> ~~there~~: but Mrs E — is at home. Amidst the profusion of riches she seems meek and gentle as a Lamb. Her kind reception of me marked her urbanity & goodness. We were soon



acquainted and began to talk of Authors. I re-  
-joiced to learn that she has been ever since her  
in fancy acquainted with Mrs Annabath Moore;  
She told me many things concerning the  
history of that excellent lady which I never <sup>before</sup> knew.  
It seems, that Mrs Moore has been more frail  
and sickly in her natural constitution than  
we have thought. Her frequent attacks and  
long continuance of fevers ~~of~~ have been great  
afflictions. Yet amidst all her ill health  
Mrs Evans says that Mrs Moore seldom lost  
her resolution and spirit. Her Catechism was  
written by her trembling hand, when her frail  
body was in bed supported by pillows. ~~and yet~~  
how excellent is that work!

After Luncheon Mr E shewed me up to my room  
supplied with comfort & conveniences among the  
which was a pen & ink to write to <sup>friends</sup> ~~your~~ <sup>Dear</sup> ~~Mr~~ <sup>Mrs</sup>

Before leaving Manchester I accompanied Mrs  
Higgin to see Mrs Bateman a Lady whom I think  
I have mentioned before as being among our most  
excellent friends. She was full of hopes and evidences  
that my cause would have a successful issue at Man-  
chester and in the neighbourhood. What maybe its  
encouragement here I can not tell any further  
than to say that Mr Evans in his note in-  
viting me to visit at his house mentions as  
in a ~~note~~ <sup>note</sup> at the bottom that he wishes to be a



subscriber for £10 (£44, 44) — But more of this  
by and by when I shall have been personally  
acquainted with Mr. E.

At present I am lonely enough: yet never  
broken. My dear Saviour, the Angel of God's  
Presence who hath hitherto redeemed from all  
evil still supports me: and in him I will  
put my trust forevermore.

Before leaving Manchester I wrote to you —  
to Lord G. & to Mr. Pratt ~~and what I~~  
~~said to each I repeat this round apologist for~~  
~~my repetition of this.~~

I wish you would write to Dr. Wetmore and to Mr.  
Douglass <sup>in their</sup> telling them not to be discouraged but  
keep all things right according to agreement  
and I think they will have occasion to rejoice  
and be exceedingly glad hereafter.

— I expect letters from London to be directed to the  
place which will inform me whether I must go to the  
City or to the Universities to further my cause.

Wherever I go, however, I can not turn my thoughts  
from you and the dear Children at — to say  
"home" I can not for I have none now but  
my dear Country and the bosom of my Saviour.

11 o'clock at night the last day of Jan. 1824

Mr. Evans came into my room and in  
the most affectionate manner introduced  
himself & after a few words led me down to the  
drawing room & introduced me to two Clergy  
& one Lay Gentleman viz. Rev. Thomas Sans  
ders



deers ~~the~~ (The Curate of Darby Church which  
was built and endowed by the Father of Mr Evans.  
—) The Rev. Mr Howard Vicar of  
the Churches in Derby (town) & Mr <sup>a Banker</sup> Newton.  
There was also a <sup>clergyman's</sup> ~~clergyman's~~ Lady <sup>with</sup> ~~convening~~ <sup>visiting</sup> Mr Evans.  
These with Mr & Mrs E. & myself formed the party  
at dinner and everything was conducted with  
that dignity, ease urbanity & good sense so very  
conspicuous in the characters of the genuine  
Englishmen.

At 9. the family assembled for prayers as in the  
Family of Lord Gambier. About ten servants  
dressed with neatness & propriety attended and  
seemed to enjoy this most interesting means  
of Grace. Mr Sanders performed the duty of  
Chaplain.

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Thus the day closes and I am again in my  
room ~~thinking~~ <sup>thinking</sup> of you my dear wife. O may  
the good God bless and keep you that we may again  
meet in this world & mutually assist each other in prepa-  
ring for a better thro' Christ our Lord. What  
would I give to see my dear Children one hour?  
God's will be done—

Sunday. 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb. 1824. With Mr Evans I walked to ~~Der-~~  
~~by~~ Church. The Rev. Mr Sanders performed Divine Service  
and preached. Intimations spent in visiting with Mr E.  
The Sunday Schools, which are conducted in great  
order. The sermon in the morning was on the goodness of  
that in the afternoon on the Mercy of God—



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The Rev. Mr. Sanders accompanied the family home and the dinner and the tea were given and were in the midst of much Christian conversation.

At eleven Mr. S. set off for London to attend Parliament being a member from this County. Twice he shook hands with me before he parted; and left at last hoping to meet in London. I trust he will prove a valuable friend.

Tomorrow I breakfast with the Rev. Mr. Howard; and thence shall go with Mr. Evans servants and Carriage accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Sanders, to Ockbrook about 6 miles from Derby. My errand is to see the Rev. Sam. Connor of the Moravian establishment. He knows Mr. Morse. — The particulars you shall know in time.

Monday morning 8 o'clock

I am, after a very good night sleep and the enjoyment of a thankful heart, ready to jump into the carriage; and in company with Mr. Sanders to visit and breakfast with the Rev. Mr. Howard.

As I do not expect to return hither & Mr. Evans has a correspondence with Liverpool will inclose another no. of the Shepherd's voice & bid you adieu. P. Chase



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